

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An image forming apparatus connected to a network, comprising:

an operation section for editing a job ticket specifying an output condition to output image data onto an output medium;

an interface section to communicate with a remote operation apparatus through the network;

a storage section having a first job ticket storing area which is configured to store the job ticket capable of being edited by the operation section, and a second job ticket storing area which is configured to store the job ticket capable of being edited only by the remote operation apparatus; and

a control section configured to:

~~prevent the operating section from editing the job ticket stored in the second job ticket storing area;~~

~~allow the remote operation apparatus to edit the job ticket stored in the second job ticket storing area;~~

control the image forming apparatus, when a request for editing the job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to read out the job ticket from the first job ticket storing area, and write the read job ticket into the second job ticket storing area for allowing the remote operation apparatus to edit the job ticket; and

control the image forming apparatus, when a request for saving the job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to read the job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus from the second job ticket storing area, and write the read job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus into the first job ticket storing area.

2. - 5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 1, wherein the interface section is connected with a plurality of remote operation apparatus, and the second job ticket storing area comprises:

a plurality of job ticket storing areas for storing the job ticket capable of being edited by the plurality of remote operation apparatus,

wherein the control section is configured to control the image forming apparatus to, when the control section receives the request for editing the job ticket from one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, read out the job ticket from the first job ticket storing area and write the read job ticket into one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas, to make it possible for said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus to exclusively edit the job ticket written in one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas.

7. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 6, wherein when the control section receives the request for editing the job ticket from said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the control section transmits identification information to identify

the job ticket being subjected to the editing to said one of the plurality of the remote operation apparatus.

8. (Previously Presented) The image forming apparatus of claim 6, wherein in a case where each of the plurality of job ticket storing areas is filled with the job ticket when the control section receives the request for editing the job ticket from said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the control section notifies said one of the plurality of the remote operation apparatus that the requested editing of the job ticket is impossible.

9. (Currently Amended) An image forming method comprising:

storing[[.]] a job ticket for specifying an output condition into a first job ticket storing area of a storage section equipped in an image forming apparatus, the output condition being specified for outputting image data onto an output medium, ~~into a first job ticket storing area of a storage section equipped in an image forming apparatus;~~

editing the job ticket stored in the first job ticket storing area by using an operation section equipped in the image forming apparatus;

controlling the image forming apparatus, when a request for editing the job ticket is received from a remote operation apparatus connected to the image forming apparatus, in such a way as to read out the job ticket from the first job ticket storing area and write the read job ticket into a second job ticket storing area in the storage section, the second job ticket storing area being configured to store the job ticket capable of being edited only by the remote operation apparatus; [[and]]

allowing exclusively the remote operation apparatus to edit the job ticket stored in the second job ticket storing area;

controlling the image forming apparatus, when a request for saving the job ticket is received from the remote operation apparatus, in such a way as to read out the job ticket edited by the remote operation apparatus from the second job ticket storing area and write the read job ticket into the first job ticket storing area; and

outputting the image data onto the output medium by applying the job ticket edited by using the operation section and/or by applying the job ticket edited by using the remote operation apparatus.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Previously Presented) An image forming method for forming an image by using an image forming apparatus connected in communication with a plurality of remote operation apparatus for editing a job ticket specifying an output condition to output image data onto an output medium, the image forming method comprising:

storing the job ticket in a first job ticket storing area of a storage section including a plurality of job ticket storing areas, the storage section equipped in the image forming apparatus;

editing the job ticket stored in the first job ticket storing area by using an operation section equipped in the image forming apparatus; and

controlling the image forming apparatus to write, when a control section receives a request for editing the job ticket from one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, the job ticket into one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas, to allow exclusively said one of the

plurality of remote operation apparatus to edit the job ticket written into said one of the plurality of job ticket storing areas.

12. (Previously Presented) The image forming method of claim 11, further comprising:

transmitting, when the control section receives the request for editing the job ticket from said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus, identification information to identify the job ticket being subjected to the requested editing by said one of the plurality of remote operation apparatus.